

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3469**

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TO:	The Honorable Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee		
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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

This Bill would amend the Code of Laws so as to enable SC residents to earn state-supported scholarships when attending institutions outside of SC provided no public college or university in SC offers their chosen major.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Based on data from the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) during any given school year almost 2,500 South Carolinians are attending an out-of-state college or university who would otherwise qualify for a Palmetto Fellows, LIFE or HOPE scholarship. The number who are attending an out-of-state college or university because no in-state school offers his or her chosen major is unknown. If all of these students qualified for an applicable scholarship the annual impact could be estimated at \$13.4 million (excluding administration). If 25% were attending because no in-state school offered his or her chosen major the impact could be estimated at \$3.35 million.

CHE indicates that if all 2,500 students qualified for a scholarship the Commission would need four additional FTE positions and other operating appropriations of approximately \$300,000 for administration. These scholarship programs are currently funded with a combination of State General Funds and Education Lottery funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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